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Dear Sirs:

We are pleased that we are provided an opportunity to comment on the limit contemplated by the Board of Equalization on reimbursement of costs incurred by lumber retailers to set up and implement the lumber assessment collection.

It is imperative that the Board use current relative data for that decision rather than rely on outdated data that was based on sales tax collection changes on cash registers. We are in the modern computer programming times. This matter of selecting individual lumber products subject to the lumber assessment is far more complicated to set up and implement than modifying a cash register.

As a lumber and building materials distributor in Agoura Hills for over 35 years using thousands of SKUs to track inventory and cost of sales, we understand the complexity and time needed to identify and tag only those lumber products subject to the lumber assessment and then to modify the sales invoice to separately post that assessment on the invoice.

It has taken us many days of staff time to scroll through the entire inventory files and tag those selected items subject to the lumber assessment. This is a job that is a work in process.

Based on our own experience, we support the request being spearheaded by the West Coast Lumber & Building Material Association seeking a recovery of up to \$5,500 per retail location to setup and implement the Lumber Assessment.

Respectfully,

Michael Tuchman
President